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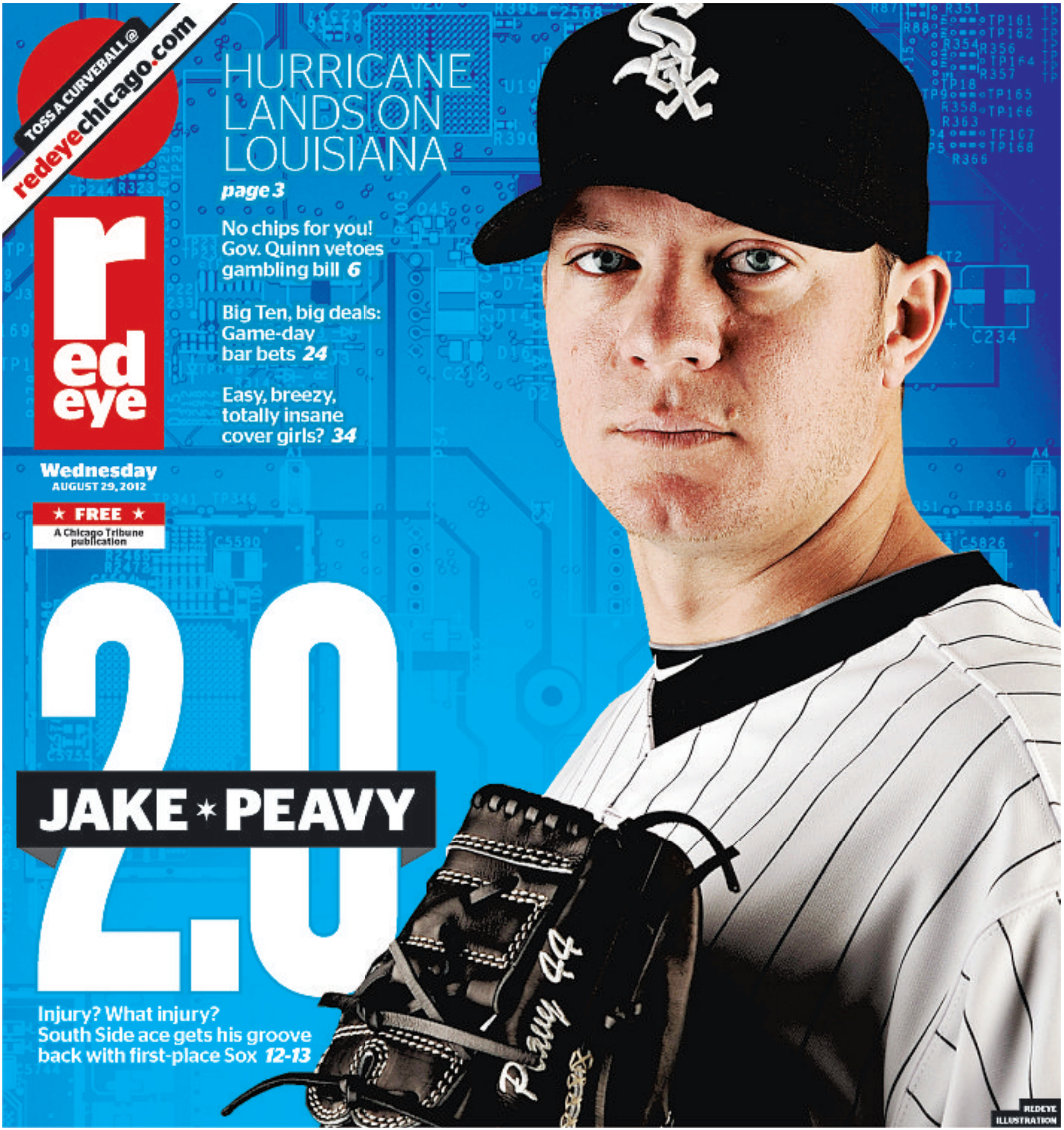

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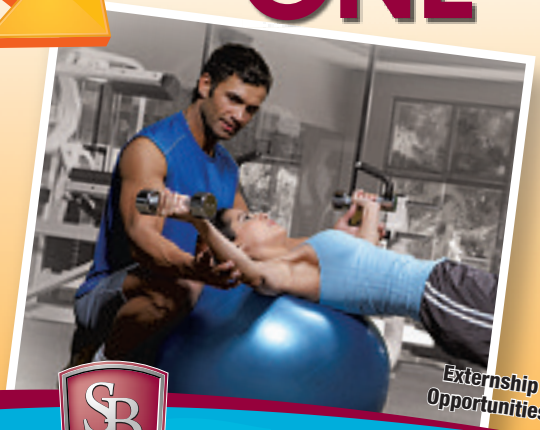

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Dam Ny (front) and his wife, Kheav Simo, wait Tuesday for Hurricane Isaac to pass as they sit in Belle Chasse Auditorium in New Orleans. The area where they live is under mandatory evacuation. MCT

NEW ORLEANS HUNKERS DOWN

AS ISAAC MAKES LANDFALL, CITY GETS FIRST TEST OF FLOOD DEFENSES

AFTER KATRINA
The Army Corps of Engineers has built a $14.5 billion defense system of walls, floodgates, levees and pumps designed to protect New Orleans from a massive tidal surge like the one that swamped the city in Katrina's wake. Most of the city's Lower Ninth ward, still scarred by the devastation of Katrina, was deserted on Tuesday. Residents who had not evacuated stocked up on water, food and fuel.

NEW ORLEANS Hurricane Isaac crashed ashore in southeast Louisiana on Tuesday, bringing high winds and soaking rains that pose the first test for multibillion-dollar flood defenses put in place in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast seven years ago.

Flood-control systems and levees failed when Katrina hit in 2005, leaving parts of New Orleans underwater. Troops and law enforcement officials have been deployed throughout the city this week to prevent a repeat of the chaos and looting that followed in the days and weeks after Katrina.

Isaac killed at least 23 people and caused significant flooding and damage in Haiti and the Dominican Republic before skirting the southern tip of Florida on Sunday.

The effects of the large, slow-moving storm were felt along the coastlines of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Storm surge caused flooding in Louisiana and winds gusted to 62 mph in New Orleans, the National Hurricane Center said in an advisory.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu assured residents "your city is secure," and said emergency services were ready for search and rescue missions. This raised the specter of Katrina, when Coast Guard helicopters plucked stranded residents from the roofs of their flooded houses.

"We're in the heart of this fight," Landrieu told an evening news conference. "We are in the hunker-down phase."

About 1,000 U.S. National Guard troops in military vehicles took up positions on the city's mostly deserted streets, brandishing automatic assault rifles to ward off any threat of looting.

President Obama urged residents to take cover and heed warnings, saying that now was "not the time to tempt fate." He issued emergency declarations for Louisiana and Mississippi earlier this week.

On Tuesday morning, army engineers closed the massive new floodgate at Lake Borgne, east of New Orleans, for the first time. It is the largest storm-surge barrier in the world.

In other preparations, oil production in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico nearly ground to a halt, and ports and coastal refineries curtailed operations.

Can bars boost your career?

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I love the bar scene. Most 20-somethings do. But if bars are great for fun and relaxation, then surely all their magic is nixed by networking events.

Network "parties," they have the nerve to call these feeding frenzies. There's nothing more horrifying for a young up-and-comer—as I like to see myself—and, unfortunately, nothing more necessary.

I was invited to just such an event recently, and they're a nightmare. You immediately think of how you'll be required to dress. Carrying out the essential research online, you gauge which outfit you'll choose based on how swanky the spot looks. Personally, I take no joy in quarterbacking my formalwear, which is as comfortable as handcuffs.

In a boldly casual move, I opted for designer jeans, a comfortable button-up and the shiny black shoes that had been gathering dust in my closet. (I refuse to wear a suit to my own funeral; they'll have to bury me in a wifebeater.)

The bus ride there gave me time to organize my thoughts—too much time, in fact. When you have that much time, you begin to realize the irony of staging networking events at bars. How am I supposed to be smart, insightful and buzzed all at the same time? What a cruel joke! They might as well place my dentist's office smack-dab in the middle of Six Flags.

My brain gave an impromptu pep rally: *You deserve to be there, H-man. Don't sweat it. You're so money right now.*

Rally time was over as soon as I reached the club and realized I'd arrived dangerously underdressed. The doorman let everyone enter but questioned me with a confused look on his face. Judging by the way I was dressed, he assumed I was lost.

My inner cheerleader abruptly turned on me: *You're such a freakin' idiot for picking those jeans! You clearly don't belong here, dummy. Would it have killed you to at least look the part?*

Once inside, everyone was at least 10 or 15 years older. Where was the bar? I needed to order up a stiff one—pronto. The bartender handed me a glass of some crappy cocktail that cost twice as much as the ones at my local dive. They should be twice as strong, but they hardly ever are.

As the night progressed, I became more relaxed and even felt somewhat like my usual self. Suddenly, I was laughing, like for real.

I discovered that the most excruciating part—the meet-and-greet with strangers while sober stuff—ends after the first three drinks. (Yes, I measure time by the number of libations consumed.) It turns out networking events are good places to meet people with like interests and increase your face-name recognition, all while in a semi-comfortable setting.

So I was wrong about networking at bars. Who knew? In that case, I have two words for any well-meaning soul looking to organize one of these "parties."

Open bar.

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A networking event at Jefferson Tap & Grille
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GOVERNOR SHOWS HIS HAND, VETOES MASSIVE GAMBLING EXPANSION PLAN

Chicago Tribune

Gov. Quinn on Tuesday vetoed a major gambling expansion plan that would have allowed five new casinos, including one in Chicago.

The move sets the stage for a potential showdown with lawmakers following the Nov. 6 election, when supporters of the bill have vowed to try to override a veto.

For months, Quinn has warned about what he views as shortcomings in the bill, saying the measure would not provide enough oversight of casino operators and other gambling interests. The Democratic governor also has said that any gambling expansion should set aside a proper amount of money for education.

In his veto message, Quinn said the state must not allow ethical shortcomings that allow "loopholes for mobsters."

The governor told lawmakers it is "critically important that any expansion of gaming in Illinois be undertaken thoughtfully and carefully."

"We have one opportunity to get it right," Quinn wrote, arguing the legislation "continues to fall well short of the standards of the people of Illinois.

"The most glaring deficiency ... is the absence of strict ethical standards and comprehensive regulatory oversight. Illinois should never settle for a gaming bill that includes loopholes for mobsters.

"Notably, this legislation lacks a ban on campaign money from gaming licensees and casino managers. We must prevent campaign contributions by gaming operators from infecting our political process."

The deadline to act on the proposal was Tuesday, or it would have become law automatically.

The bill lawmakers approved this spring calls for new casinos in Chicago, southern Cook County, Lake County, Rockford and Danville. It also would allow slot machines at horse racing tracks, which was a deal-breaker for the governor when lawmakers approved a similar measure last year. That bill never made it to Quinn's desk after he threatened to veto it.

Sponsors say they are prepared to fight this time around and have spent the summer trying to gather the votes needed to override Quinn's veto. It would take a three-fifths vote in the House and Senate. That won't be easy, even during the lame-duck session following the election when lawmakers who won't return to office are more likely to cast controversial votes.

M-RAHM'S RESPONSE

Mayor Emanuel issued a statement saying it's time to stop the flow of jobs and money to Northwest Indiana casinos. "I spoke with the governor this morning, and we agreed it cannot take another 20 years of discussion to draft and pass a bill that will be signed into law," he said. "I will continue to work relentlessly with all parties to pass a bill that will allow a Chicago casino to be built and implemented responsibly."

LIVE FROM THE RNC

What's really going on at the Republican National Convention? John Giokaris, political director of the *Chicago* Young Republicans, is in Tampa, Fla., giving RedEye a behind-the-scenes peek at the event.

GETTY IMAGES

Hurricane? What hurricane? While our thoughts are with the communities in Isaac's path, Tampa barely was touched. As it turned out, there was really no need to cancel Monday's events. It just gave everyone an excuse to party.

Ybor City and The Cuban Club are the hot spots around Tampa Bay. Anyone who wasn't working was drinking and socializing there—not just politicians and staffers, but also celebrities, musicians and media personalities.

Driving the VIPs around is interesting. They're pretty cool and down-to-earth for the most part, but some are definitely prima donnas. One guy always wants to be driven right to the front door of the convention center (which we can't do), and he's not even that important. There was another guest whose staff had to go through ridiculous lengths to keep her hair dry when it was raining.

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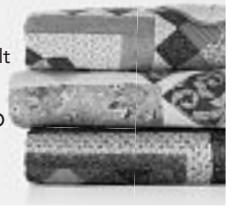

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Get used to those aisle-facing seats

Chicago Tribune

CTA officials are responding decisively to commuters who intensely dislike the center-facing seating on the transit agency's $1.14 billion rail cars and want it changed.

The answer: You're stuck with it for the next 40 years.

Replacing the longitudinal aisle-facing seating arrangement on the new rail cars with a traverse style of both forward- and rear-facing seats that are the norm in Chicago would require redesigning the 5000 Series cars to anchor the seats to new beams added to the frame, according to CTA engineers and the manufacturer, Montreal-based Bombardier Transportation.

Such a move is out of the question because the changes would be very expensive and delay production of the 706 rail cars, CTA officials said.

"It's not just a matter of rearranging the seats. The entire support structure of the cars is related to the seating configuration," CTA President Forrest Claypool said after a Tribune story Monday outlined growing disapproval with the seating layout among CTA customers. The new fleet is operating on the Pink and Green lines and is scheduled to start service on the Red Line in late fall.

Among the complaints that riders mentioned were discomfort sitting with other passengers squeezed in on both sides of them and standing passengers stepping on the feet of seated passengers.

Claypool, who joined the CTA as part of the Emanuel administration last year, did not select or approve the center-facing seating, and he did not say whether he would have chosen that design if it were up to him.

"The decisions for the 5000 Series were made nearly 10 years ago based on extensive engineering and design review," Claypool said. "Without doing the same kind of research and analysis they did 10 years ago, we don't know what factors would guide a decision today."

EXPRESS LINES

» Cardinal Francis George will begin chemotherapy next week on the recommendation of his doctors at the Mayo Clinic and Loyola University Medical Center, according to a statement from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

» Dr. Vincent DiMaio, who has written several widely used forensic pathology textbooks, testified Tuesday at the Drew Peterson trial that Kathleen Savio's death was an accident.

» The rains that shut down part of Lake Shore Drive on Sunday were enough to start to pull much of the Chicago area out of its months-long drought, and the aftereffects of Hurricane Isaac could bring enough rain to improve conditions in much of the state, a state climatologist said Tuesday. TRIBUNE

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2 Light it up
Government officials burn more than a ton of confiscated drugs Tuesday in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

3 Stark reminder
A boy prepares to snorkel Tuesday in front of the wreckage of capsized cruise liner Costa Concordia, which ran aground Jan. 13 off the Italian island of Giglio.

GOP makes Romney official

4 **TAMPA, Fla.** Republicans launched a sharp assault on President Obama's economic record on the first full day of their convention Tuesday and praised Mitt Romney as a leader who could rein in big government and kick-start a stagnant economy.

After a storm threat delayed the convention one day, Republicans formally nominated Romney and his running mate, Paul Ryan, to challenge Obama for the White House in a Nov. 6 election that polls show is tight.

Republicans repeatedly accused Obama of being hostile to small business owners, burying them under high taxes and excessive regulations that stunted job growth. His signature healthcare overhaul, they said, was big government run amok.

"It's time to end this era of absentee leadership in the Oval Office and send real leaders to the White House. America needs Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan and we need them right now," said Chris Christie, the combative New Jersey governor who delivered the convention's keynote address.

"Mitt Romney will tell us the hard truths we need to hear to put us back on the path to growth and create good-paying private sector jobs again in America," he said.

Polls show Romney trails Obama badly with women, and the convention featured a series of women speakers capped by Romney's wife, Ann. She said her husband had attacked every challenge—from reviving the struggling Salt Lake City Olympics to helping her battle multiple sclerosis and breast cancer.

"At every turn in his life, this man I met at a high school dance has helped lift up others," Ann Romney told the convention. At one point she shouted to fans: "I love you, women."

Mitt and Ann Romney
REUTERS

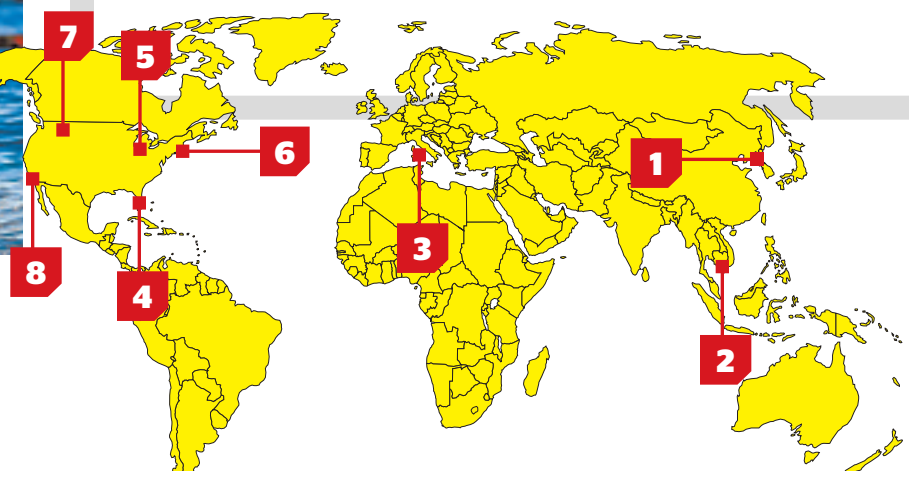
MESSAGE FROM HOME
U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk spoke to the Illinois delegation to the Republican National Convention via a recorded video Tuesday as he continues to recover from a stroke. Kirk called on the state's GOP delegates to work to elect Mitt Romney president, but also urged them not to forget local Republican candidates.

5 Sex offender list under microscope
A federal appeals court said Indiana's sex and violent offender registry unconstitutionally violated the due process rights of thousands of registrants because it did not give them a chance to fix mistakes.

6 Source: Subpoenas over energy drinks
New York's attorney general issued subpoenas in July to three firms that make energy drinks, including PepsiCo, seeking information on the companies' marketing and advertising practices, a person familiar with the matter said Tuesday.

7 Man killed in Bigfoot hoax
A man trying to create a Bigfoot hoax on a highway died after being hit by two cars, officials in Montana said. Randy Lee Tenley dressed in a Ghillie suit—camouflage designed to resemble heavy foliage—and stepped out onto Highway 93 on Sunday night, where he was hit.

8 Women still lagging in feature filmmaking
Women are still struggling to break through a celluloid glass ceiling in the feature film business, but the documentary world has become a much more open to female directors, writers and cinematographers, according to a study released Tuesday at San Diego State University.



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PEAVY'S HITTING ALL THE RIGHT CHORDS IN BOUNCE-BACK SEASON FOR THE SOX

By Ryan Smith
FOR REDEYE

Even Jake Peavy's softspoken Southern drawl can't hide his excitement about playing for the White Sox this season. After two injury-plagued, underachieving seasons, the right-handed hurler has regained his All-Star form. Perhaps not coincidentally, the Sox are in first place in the division heading into the final month of the regular season.

While Peavy, 31, has schooled batters all season, last week he was all about helping kids prepare for the school year. He visited Staples in the West Loop to accompany children from the Union League Boys & Girls Club of Chicago on a back-to-school shopping spree.

The guitar-playing Alabama native also spoke with RedEye about redemption, his bread-and-butter subjects in school and how he'd sum up this season in song.

Peavy plays guitar at the 2010 Woodjock Jam Fest in Scottsdale, Ariz.
GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTOS

Why was it important for you to come out to this event?
This means so much to me. The kids are near and dear to my heart and these guys are the future. A lot of people don't realize that one in five children live in poverty. For us to come out and here and get these kids some much needed school supplies is fun.

What was back-to-school shopping like for you as a kid?
I don't think it was quite as fun as this, I just remember walking through some aisles of stores with my mom. I was blessed to come from a very middle class family and we always had pretty much everything that we needed.

Did you have a favorite subject in school?
Well, it had to be P.E. because I got to play baseball and sports. But I'm also a big history guy like my dad. From Alabama history to U.S. history and history around the world.

Describe what the 2012 season has been like for you.
It's been refreshing because I've been injured last couple years and for the first nine years of my career I was pretty much injury-free. So to suffer the kind of injury I did in 2010 and then have to rehab almost all of 2011 and try to get back to play but being nowhere close to what you'd want, it was tough. So to come into 2012, my last year under contract, with not having certainty with your baseball career and to be on a good team with unbelievable management and for us to play well and me be a part of, I feel blessed.

There's been a lot of talk about injuries to pitchers this season, and you've been hurt in the past. Is getting hurt something you think about a lot?
No, you can't. As an athlete, you just do everything you can to prevent that. At the end of the day, you can't predict injuries. It's certainly part of the game, and it's an unfortunate one. But when you ask your body to do some of the things we ask it to do for as long as we do it, there's going to be people that break down. When they do, it's not for any rhyme or reason. There's no exact science to preventing it. Some kids like [Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen] Strasburg will be shut down early and some kids will be allowed to throw 220 innings. It just comes down to the organization's philosophy.

Do you have any advice to some of these young pitchers on the staff?
You just got to try to be the best teammate that you can, and anytime someone asks you for advice or you see stuff, the longer you're around the more observant you are. But the game has changed today and some of these kids are ready to play when they come up and they understand the game. We've got guys like Nate Jones and Hector Santiago, these kids are very young, but they're not scared and they know how to get it done.

You mention the clubhouse changing. Has that made some of the crazy rotation issues you've had to deal with easier?
No doubt, the biggest thing I've seen changed is the organizational attitude. It goes from [owner] Jerry [Reinsdorf] to [general manager] Kenny [Williams] in Spring Training and [manager] Robin [Ventura]—they've asked us to buy into a cohesive, family-like atmosphere. The teams that I played on in San Diego that were most successful, that was there, so I truly feel like guys were ready for it and we bought into it and it's made everything we've encountered this season a little bit easier when you're a tight-knit group.

If you were to write a song about this season, what would it sound like?
It would be a very mellow song, I think, just because our leader [Ventura] is very chilled and relaxed, like a Jack Johnson kind of song. Because that's who our leader is, we went from getting a lot of attention to the team from the last few years to flying under the radar because our leader is such a relaxed type guy, but at the same time a confident leader. So I think it'd be chill, but with a strong bass note, because that's who are leader is and how our team is. Not scared of anything, but not in your face; we just show up to play.

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

WORTH EVERY PENNY?
Sox fans would argue this is the Jake Peavy the team paid for when it traded for the ace in 2009. Will his resurgence in 2012 be enough to keep him around for $22 million next year? We'll see. For now, the Sox have to be happy he's dominating hitters. And that he's making "only" $17 million this season.

YEAR	GAMES	W-L	ERA	SO
2010	17	7-6	4.63	93
2011	19	7-7	4.92	95
2012	25	9-9	3.09	155

THE STARTING LINE » White Sox at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m. CSN » Cubs vs. Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m. WGN » White Sox place P Gavin Floyd on 15-day disabled list

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BEING JAKE PEAVY

If you ever want to know what Jake Peavy is thinking, scrolling through the White Sox pitcher's Twitter feed (**@JakePeavy_44**) will give you a good idea. It's obvious he loves his team, his family, music, his charity work—and calling people "Bubba." Here's a taste of what's been on Peavy's mind the past few months.

1 Aug: Otis Redding...that's how strong my love is... If u don't know it u need too!!!

25 Jul: Dallas u've been warned with the crew I'm comin in with! My boys with me & some big kids! Excited to see my lil bro & mommy! #Mama'sboy!

24 Jul: Gettin new passport! U know ur gettin old when 10yr old passport is expired! Hardly even notice the aging diff between pics! #yearight

18 Jul: Can someone tell me the difference between a thunderstorm & a monsoon? I love how people who arent used to it freak out ab bad weather!!

1 Jul: On way now to big All Star game 2nite! ALA 10yr old state tournament in Florence! Nothing in the world like being a daddy! #jr #valleygrande

EYE ISSUE POKES AT PEAVY

The White Sox's decision to adjust their rotation so that Dylan Axelrod would pitch Wednesday night turned out to be a wise move.

Jake Peavy, whose start was moved from Wednesday to Friday at Detroit, went to a local hospital Tuesday after suffering an infection in his right eye.

"He can't see too good out of it," manager Robin Ventura said. "It's his right eye. It's just very red and it doesn't look good. I know that. He's got a couple days to get it fixed. ... So we're lucky." TRIBUNE

Nats learn from Cubs' mistake

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In case you've been in Indonesia this baseball season, word is the Washington Nationals are pre-emptively shutting down their perfectly healthy ace, Stephen Strasburg. For precautionary reasons. Apparently the front office doesn't want him to turn into Mark Prior Part 2: a dominant young pitcher who was overworked too early in his career and never fulfilled his promise because of related injuries.

Mark Prior. Just hearing the name makes Cubs fans suck air through their teeth.

You remember Prior. He's the one who would have singlehandedly won the World Series for the Cubbies, if it weren't for Dusty Baker, Steve Bartman and the fact that human shoulders aren't meant to throw 94 mph fastballs. As if Cubs fans needed a reminder about the team's inability to win a championship, here it is again: Strasburg is being shut down because of ... Mark Prior.

The Strasburg Shutdown has become the media debate of the season. The dominant opinion is, roughly, "Why would anybody stop their best pitcher from pitching while they've got a shot at winning the World Series?" The media love to bluster about hypotheticals like this, because they can never be proved wrong.

This knee-jerk reaction overlooks the following: 1. Strasburg is the third-best pitcher for the Nationals, 2. Keeping him on the mound doesn't assure World Series victory, nor does removing him assure postseason defeat, 3. Washington hasn't had a professional baseball team with a winning record since 1952, so to Nats fans just watching a team not be terrible is like waking up in Candyland, and 4. Mark Prior Mark Prior Mark Prior.

To Nationals fans, the Shutdown is welcome evidence of an organizational swagger (Strasburg? We don't even NEED him) not seen since the Truman administration. To Cubs fans, this whole shutdown thing must look like a baseball what-if DeLorean set to July 2003.

So as the media wail on, the two fan bases least convinced by the caterwauling will be the Nationals and Cubs, due to their ... Prior history.

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Actually, make that Peavy'd. If the Sox ace can turn things around, there's hope for these five.

	Tracy Swartz @tracyswartz RedEye reporter	Ernest Wilkins @ernestwilkins Chicago's wingman	Julie DiCaro @juliedicaro Cubs blogger	Soxman @thesoxman72 Masked White Sox crusader	Brad Zibung @the_heckler Founder, theheckler.com
1 What's the key to Jake Peavy's turnaround this season?	Better lat than never.	Both arms actually working?	Two words: Wheat Thins.	After all of his past injuries, he has no Achilles' heel ... literally.	Well, they got his arm reattached, so that probably helps.
2 The White Sox have adjusted their starting rotation so many times ...	... pitchers don't even have to elbow for position.	... that I seriously though Bartolo Colon was on the mound yesterday. What, too soon?	... some of the Cubs are hoping for a spot.	... it's drawing comparisons to the Bears offensive line and the 2011 Blackhawks power play.	... Hawk Harrelson can't decide which Sox pitcher should be this year's Cy Young.
3 What's the worst part about the NFL using replacement referees?	Calls: meh (maybe).	I was going to make a reference to "Alex Chilton," but no one would get it.	The whining. My God, the whining.	How would you feel if your heart surgeon were swapped out with a schoolteacher?	Cleaning up after their seeing-eye dogs.
4 How are you preparing for the start of college football season?	Becoming a tail-Gator, though a different type than fellow alum Ryan Lochte.	Stretching, exfoliating, talking trash to Gators and anyone else who wants it. The usual.	The what? (I went to Indiana.)	I'm playing it safe and going with the Trojans. Mind out of the gutter ... USC!	Flunking all my exams and somehow still being academically eligible.
5 Let's have your U.S. Open prediction.	Without Nadal, I won't have a shorts attention span.	Is this the golf or the tennis one? Either way, I'm riding with the white guy in the hat.	Tiger! Oh wait ... Serena.	It's the one place no one wants love.	It'll probably rain a bunch and lots of people will hate on Nadal even though he's not playing this year.

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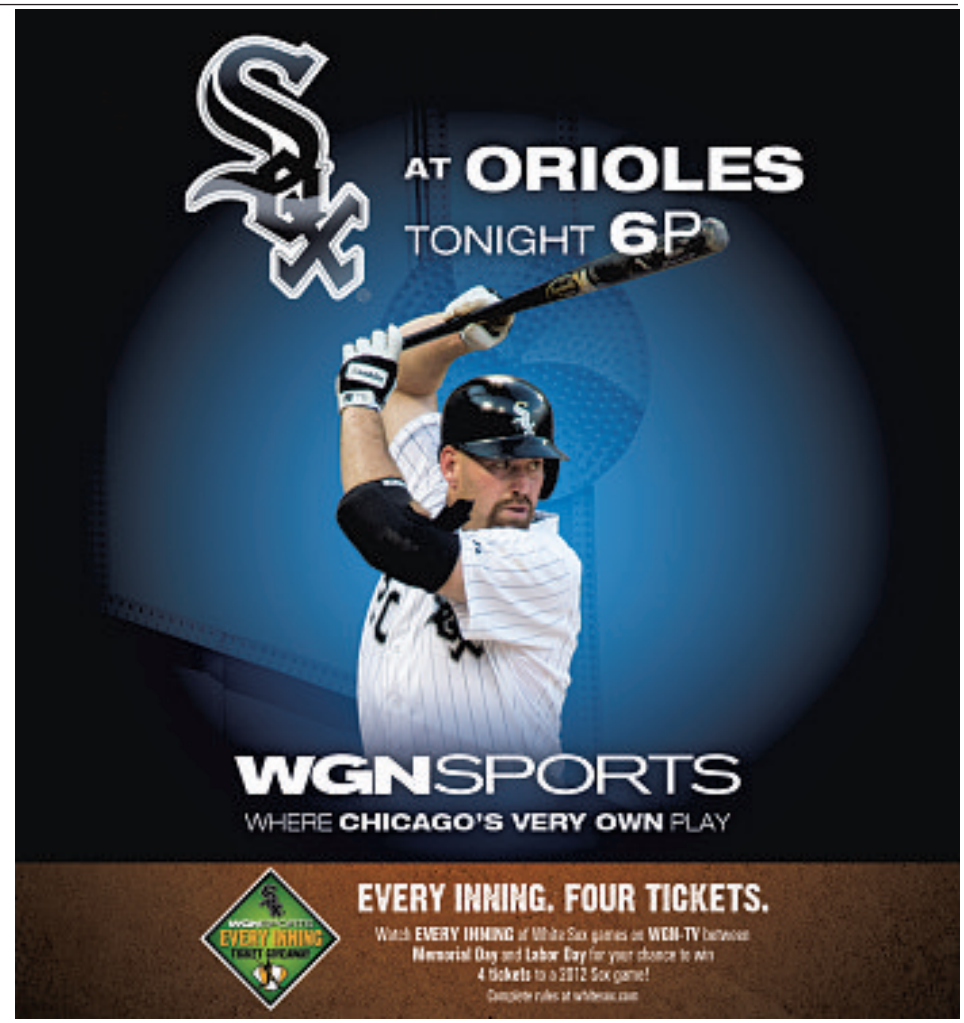

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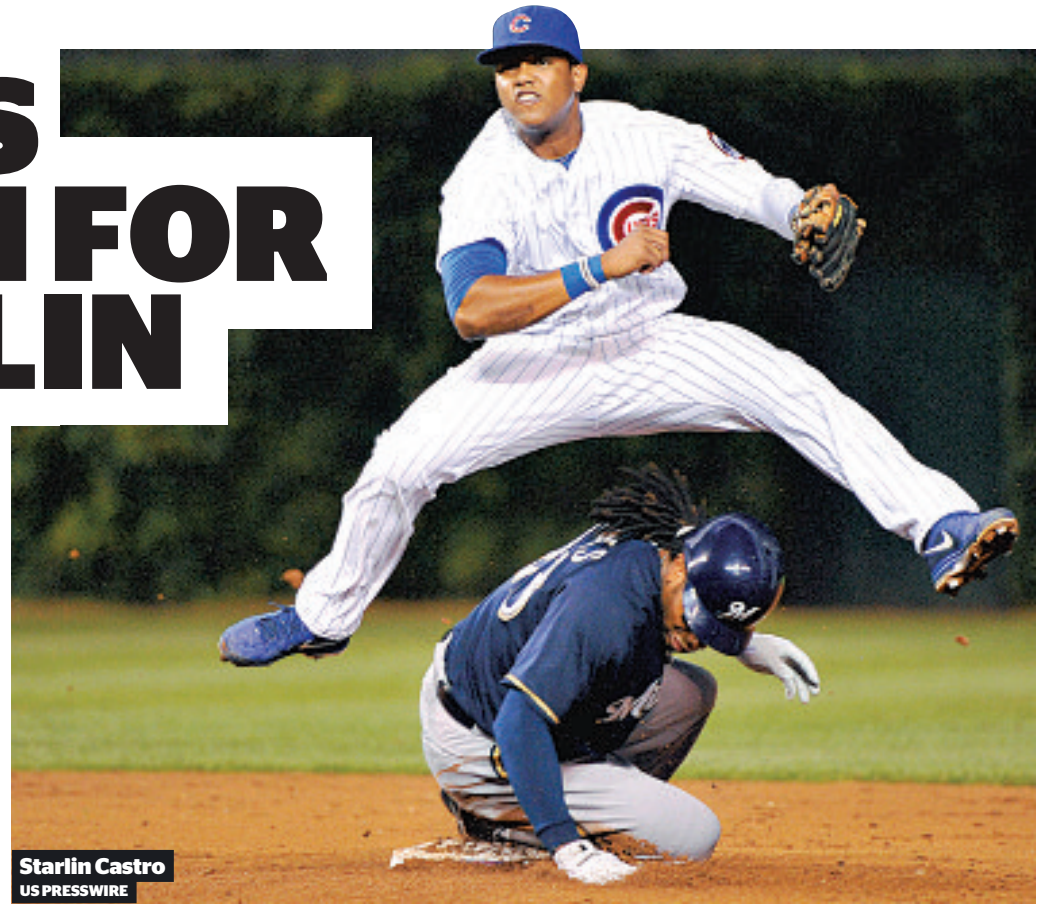
Starlin Castro
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The Cubs' new deal with shortstop Starlin Castro, for seven years and $60 million, officially has been completed after weeks of peaceful negotiations.

Castro, who will give up two years of free agency, receives a $6 million signing bonus and has a club option after the final year for $16 million or a $1 million buyout.

Castro, 22, already is a two-time All-Star. He is making $567,000 this season before the signing bonus.

"It's good for me," he said. "I feel really, really happy because it was the organization that signed me when I was a little kid and I don't want to go nowhere. That's why I say thank you for [GM] Jed [Hoyer] and everbody for wanting me to be here for a long time."

Castro was asked if seven years will be enough time to win a World Series.

"That's what I'm looking for," he said. "It's the only important thing right now, to win a World Series and for it to be here."

Castro is hitting .276 with 12 homers and 63 RBIs in 127 games this season, after finishing his first two seasons over .300, but he also has committed 21 errors.

THE PRICE WAS WRONG

Perhaps the best part of the Cubs' deal with Starlin Castro is that it's reasonable. If things go south —and we really hope they don't—it won't hurt as much to trade him. And maybe we're already seeing a major difference between the current management and the previous regime, which gave us these headache contracts.

Alfonso Soriano, 2007: This is Exhibit A when talking about the Cubs' questionable spending. Not much bang for the buck with this eight-year, $136 million deal.

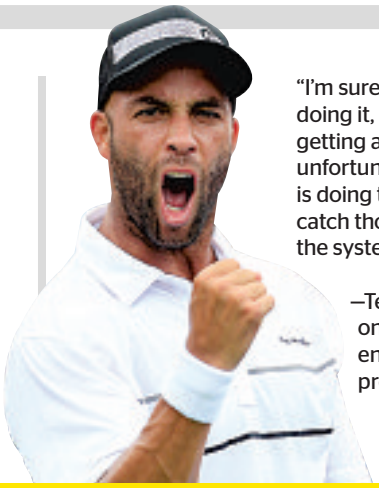
Carlos Zambrano, 2007: He was supposed to have succeeded where Kerry Wood and Mark Prior failed, and the Cubs gave him five years and $91.5 million to do it. No such luck.

Kosuke Fukudome, 2008: The Cubs won the bidding but mostly lost on this four-year, $48 million bet on the Japanese import.

Milton Bradley, 2009: Three years and $30 million might not seem like a lot of money compared with the other names on the list, but Bradley's bitterness took "bust" to a whole other level.

Smith: Urlacher on target for opener

Two weeks removed from arthroscopic surgery on his left knee, Bears middle linebacker Brian Urlacher remains sidelined in practice. But coach Lovie Smith said Tuesday he expects Urlacher to return to practice next week and play in the Sept. 9 opener against Indianapolis at Soldier Field. So, why didn't he get this done earlier?



"I'm sure there are guys who are doing it, getting away with it, and getting ahead of the testers. It's unfortunate, but I hope tennis is doing the best job of trying to catch those guys trying to beat the system."

—Tennis player **James Blake**, on whether performance-enhancing drugs are a problem in the sport

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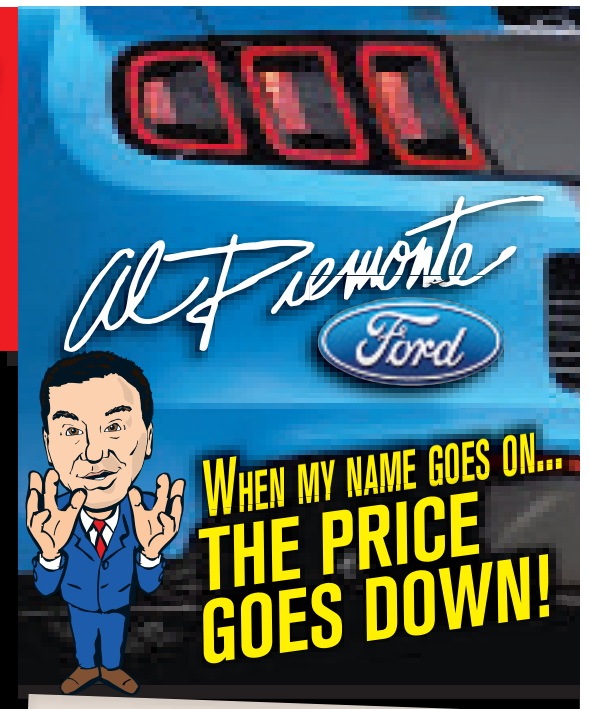

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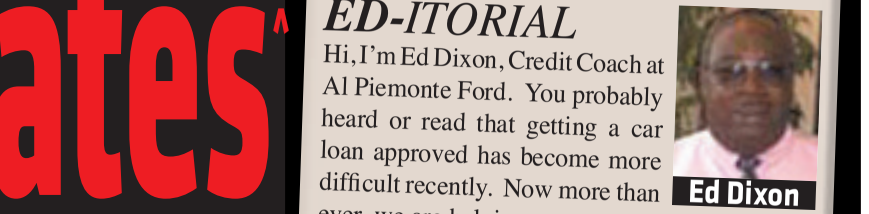

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Schraeder turns album release show into a love letter to Chicago

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When the Tom Schraeder & His Ego frontman started planning a release party for "Chicago, I Love You," the latest album from his namesake band, he forgot one important detail: to complete the record itself.

Instead, Schraeder left the album on the backburner as a concert he initially conceived as single-day event grew into a free music and arts festival that will take over Lincoln Park bar Lilly's for an entire month beginning Saturday. It includes performances from Schraeder, Mars Williams and Brighton, MA, as well as a DJ set from Pat Sansone of Wilco and much more. Find more information at **tomschraeder.blogspot.com**.

"The beauty of releasing things on your own is you can kind of do it whenever you want," said Schraeder, 28. "If that means the record comes out three months from now, that's OK, because I think we've created something beautiful here."

Reached at home in Lakeview, the musician opened up about the inspiration behind the newborn festival, what he'd tell the mayor if he landed a face-to-face meeting and if he'd ever consider changing his band's name.

> "The beauty of releasing things on your own is you can kind of do it whenever you want"
> —**Tom Schraeder**

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You got your start playing at Lilly's. How would you have described the scene there in those early days?
It was a special time, and at first it was strange to come back and present this idea to Lilly because I owe my entire career to [her]. They had an open mic every Tuesday, and it was with some of my favorite bands, like Joe Pug, Bailiff and Jeremy Miller from Rambos. That whole scene started here, so it felt right to bring it back and create memories with a whole new group of musicians.

Has putting this festival together given you a better appreciation for what makes Chicago unique?
We're our own thing. We're not L.A. We're not New York. There are a lot of people coming in now and making money off massive festivals that bring in blog bands, which is just how the industry is. We need to stand up a bit more as artists for our actual local scene. I would love to sit down with the mayor and be like, "This is what's up. We have the best music scene in the world. Work it."

If you landed a sit-down with the mayor, what's one thing you would you push for?
I think our airports should play something like The Chicago Mixtape, for sure. Something that represents what our local scene is doing.

Was it difficult to get musicians to participate in a free event?
At first it definitely was, but I would say 95 percent of the artists got on board within a day or so of me sharing the concept with them.

I take it you're a skilled salesman.
[Laughs.] Somehow it's not that difficult [for me] to persuade people. Maybe I just have a big mouth and make people feel sorry for me or something. Once people heard what we were trying to do in uniting the scene, we started to get all these emails from other people wanting to contribute. It went from maybe having a couple bands a night to having artists and DJs and photographers. It's still expanding.

Were you taken aback by anyone who reached out?
I was really honored to have [Wilco's] Pat Sansone come on board. And Mars Williams, who's touring nonstop around the world with Psychedelic Furs. Really, there's been a bit of a thrill with confirming each band.

Did you consider making all the participants get a Chicago tattoo to prove their loyalty to the city?
[Laughs.] Only on their forehead.

Tom Schraeder

What was the initial inspiration behind expanding a simple record release show into a sprawling, 30-day affair celebrating your hometown?
I've had this extreme love for the city since I was a kid, but I'm such a dreamer I always wanted to leave. When my career started I was getting these offers outside Chicago and I was getting excited about all these other scenes. For about six years I toured ... and then I realized I was ready to do something specifically for Chicago instead of trying to run away.

What cities did you consider moving to?
For a long time I'd choose these cities like New York or Los Angeles based on which one I thought would help my career. I used to care so much about handshakes and finding the industry people. Now it's a matter of not caring. I only want to make music, and if even one person hears it that's great.

Does that mean you'd considering dropping "Ego" from the band name?
I don't know. I wouldn't mind changing the name at some point, that's for sure. We all have regrets, but I wanted to be that rock star for so long and now I have no interest in that. For the first time I feel like I'm over that youthful pride I had, you know?

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SCHRAEDER PERSONALITY TEST

What's the last album you bought?
Oh! It was "Live at the Quarter" by Townes Van Zandt. That double LP.

Song you've listened to on repeat?
Glass Lux. They're local, and I can't stop listening to their six songs.

Song you never want to hear again?
Anything by Muse. I have great hate for them.

Favorite movie ever?
"High Fidelity."

Best concert in the last year?
I'd say Margot and the Nuclear So & Sos over at Lincoln Hall.

New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big?
Jesse Woods. He's an Austin dude and everything he writes is just perfect.

Chicago's best music venue?
Wow. Well, I have great love for Schubas and the Hideout, but I have to say Lilly's. Lilly's is my home.

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Over the years, fans have watched Alanis Morissette grow from a feisty 21-year-old to a creatively Zen wife and mother at age 38. Through it all, she has sold more than 60 million albums and broken barriers for young female artists in the process. After a four-year hiatus, Morissette is back this week with her eighth studio album, "Havoc and Bright Lights," which dropped Tuesday. She talked about her career.

You grew up in the public eye. Do you feel this endears you to people or draws more criticism?

Probably both. If someone is resonating with what they see, they are probably going to think I'm a genius. If what they see they judge as horrifying, they'll think I'm an idiot. That hasn't really changed.

Your albums are very personal. Is it hard to be transparent as an artist?

To be transparent in song is very easy for me. I don't mind offering my life up as a case study. The challenge has been applying the courage that it took to be authentic in my songs to my day-to-day life. I used to be upset, go into the studio alone and write a song, thinking that would take care of everything. Eventually, I had to actually buck up.

"Jagged Little Pill" was a juggernaut of an album that defined a generation. How do you look back on that record?

It's impossible to top, and chasing it would be ensured suffering. But my ego is flattered by the album's longevity. Women were taken more seriously in terms of record sales and radio play. The wave was happening, and I was riding a surfboard on the crest.

Does "Havoc and Bright Lights" refer to the negatives and positives of life?

I'm a Gemini by trade, so I'm obsessed with wholeness. I don't want to be good, I want to be whole. I love the dark because it's alluring to me. The light is alluring and scary, too. I will always explore both sides, I can't help myself.

What can fans expect from your live shows?

Expect every emotion. At the end, I'm wrung out from exploring frustration, rage, joy, bliss, infatuation and lust. The set list is all over the place, featuring songs from the last 17 years. There's this timeless line that runs through them all, and somehow they work really well together.

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1:15p	Dolly Varden
2:45p	Las Guitarras de Espana
4:10p	The Congregation
5:40p	King Corey Hosts The Jam

Garden Stage

11:00a	Honey and the 45's
12:10p	Wooden Rings
1:30p	Jared Grabb
2:50p	Spare Parts
4:20p	Magic Carpet

Sunday, September 9

Main Stage

11:30a	Dave Sills
1:00p	Save The Clocktower
2:30p	Root Hog
4:00p	Robbie Fulks

Garden Stage

11:00a	Steve Hashimoto & Pat Fleming
12:15p	Las Guitarras acoustic
1:30p	The Modern Sounds
3:00p	Tom Schraeder
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Merkle's Bar & Grill
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Michigan
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MICHIGAN
Rockit Bar & Grill
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Game day specials: $6 truffle tater tots, $8 jalapeno poppers, $9 chili mac, $10 loaded fries, $7 beer-and-cheese dip

MICHIGAN STATE
Grand River
3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900
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MINNESOTA
Red Ivy
3525 N. Clark St. 773-472-0900
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NEBRASKA
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Only criminal thing about 'Lawless' is the script

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Formerly called "The Wettest County in the World" and then "The Wettest County," "Lawless" depicts neither a soaked country nor a chaotic, lawless society. Oops.

Sure, this Prohibition-era tale, based on Matt Bondurant's book "The Wettest County in the World," focuses on real-life brothers (Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Jason Clarke) who run a moonshine operation in Franklin, Va., supposedly the wettest county in the world. You'd think this much-delayed drama from director John Hillcoat ("The Proposition") and writer Nick Cave thus would depict the community as a lively place, thriving in speakeasies amidst the ever-present possibility of arrest. You'd be wrong. The movie captures virtually no impact of illegal alcohol distribution other than the way in which it inspires totally unexamined police corruption and sparks constant violence between those who have and those who want.

Gary Oldman plays one of those gangsters, Floyd Banner. Oldman's typically strong performance might have helped the movie, if his character didn't completely disappear without explanation. "Lawless" presents racially segregated drinking fountains without discussing what racial disparity has to do with the main plot, which includes not one but two underwritten, chemistry-free love stories—between Forrest (Hardy) and Maggie (Jessica Chastain), and between Jack (LaBeouf) and a preacher's daughter (Mia Wasikowska).

The simplistic softness of these subplots clashes badly with the film's brutal violence. At least the impact of a shotgun to the face or a shovel to the head possesses more weight than a ridiculous shootout in which several people stand around and watch. Everyone else has rather bad aim.

A longer version of the film reportedly exists, which may or may not explain pacing issues that make the first hour an awful bore despite a set of brass knuckles and a knife to the throat. No director's cut, however, will solve the distracting performances by Guy Pearce (as sleazy Special Agent Charlie Rakes) and Noah Taylor (as one of Floyd's henchmen). They pull out what little reality remains in a movie that already embarrassingly fails to illuminate real life.

'Lawless'

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- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Đ 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Đ 11:00, 1:30, 4:00
- **Lawless** (R) ★ Đ 11:05, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- **Hit & Run** (R) ★ Đ 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) Đ 11:05, 12:45, 1:45, 3:40, 4:35, 6:35, 7:25, 9:20, 10:05
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) 4:20, 9:35
- AMC Independent **Brother** (NR) ★ Đ 11:45, 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10
- **The Apparition** (PG-13) ★ Đ 11:10, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15
- **The Oogieloves in the Big Balloon Adventure** (G) ★ Đ 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45
- **Premium Rush** (PG-13) ★ Đ 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

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- **Nobody Else but You** (NR) 6:15, 8:15
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- **Battle Buddy** (NR)
- **Father's Day** (NR) 6:15

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- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) 12:20, 2:10, 4:10, 6:05, 7:55, 9:45
- **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
- **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:20, 8:10
- **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) 2:30, 6:20, 10:10
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05

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- **The Imposter** (R) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
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- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
- **Hit & Run** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) 2:50, 6:30, 10:20
- **The Campaign** (R) 12:20, 2:35, 5:10, 7:20, 10:00
- **ParaNorman** (PG) 2:20, 7:10
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00, 4:50, 9:40
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10
- **The Expendables 2** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:30, 6:45, 9:30
- **Lawless** (R) 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:45
- **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) ★

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- **The Expendables 2** (R) Đ 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45
- **ParaNorman** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 12:30, 3:00, 8:20
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- **The Campaign** (R) Đ 1:50, 4:20, 8:00, 10:25
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Đ 3:00, 6:45, 10:30
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Đ 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
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- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 5:45, 10:50
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- AMC Independent **Brother** (NR) ★ Đ 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
- **The Apparition** (PG-13) ★ Đ 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20
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- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
- **The Campaign** (R) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- **Lawless** (R) ★ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **Premium Rush** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

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- **The Intouchables** (R) Đ 10:30, 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
- **Celeste and Jesse Forever** (R) Đ 10:05, 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Đ 12:15, 3:45, 7:25, 10:35
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Đ 10:20, 1:40, 4:40, 7:50, 10:55
- **The Campaign** (R) Đ 11:00, 1:15, 3:35, 5:45, 8:05, 10:20
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Đ 11:40, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 10:10
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) Đ 11:15, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:55
- **The Expendables 2** (R) 10:25, 12:55, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
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- **ParaNorman** (PG) Đ 12:05, 4:55, 9:45
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) 2:30, 7:20
- **The Imposter** (R) Đ 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:15
- **Premium Rush** (PG-13) Đ 10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **To Rome With Love/Moonrise Kingdom** (NR) 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
- **Moonrise Kingdom/To Rome With Love** (NR) 10:00, 2:00, 6:00
- **Hit & Run** (R) Đ 10:35, 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40
- **Robot & Frank** (PG-13) Đ 11:55, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Cosmopolis** (R) Đ 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25

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Madden '13

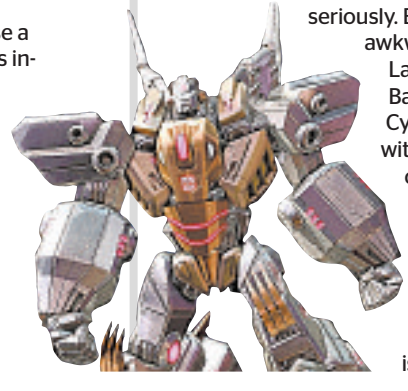
Xbox 360, PlayStation 3

At this point, EA Sports could probably release a new "Madden" game with blocky stick figures instead of realistic-looking player models and it still would sell a couple million copies. Thankfully, the developer keeps on innovating the video game version of America's favorite sport. "Madden '13" features a new broadcast team, a revamped career mode and Kinect compatibility that allows Xbox gamers to call plays by yelling at their TVs. The most notable upgrade is the so-called "Infinity Engine"—a tool which makes players collide, stumble and fall into each other in a chaotic way that looks really close to the real thing. This version of "Madden" doesn't quite reach Hall of Fame status, but it's still a solid Pro Bowl contender.

Transformers: Fall of Cybertron

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PC

When you're a 12-year old boy, there are few things cooler than dinosaurs and robots. Suffice to say, my inner child shrieked in delight when I saw Grimlock in the newest "Transformers" video game. The powerful T-Rex-shaped Dinobot is one of the highlights of "Transformers: Fall of Cybertron," a game which takes the franchise's mythologies very seriously. Eschewing the fart jokes and awkward interactions with Shia LaBeouf that mar Michael Bay's trilogy of movies, "Fall of Cybertron" wisely does away with humans altogether—focusing instead on the home planet of the shape-shifting mega-robots. Sometimes the game is guilty of making you watch too many cool events rather than play them, but the third time still is a charm for this series.



Counter-Strike: Global Offensive

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PC

The entire online shooter genre owes a lot to "Counter-Strike"—a once popular PC game that dominated dorm rooms more than a decade ago. With a nod to nostalgia, Valve has wiped away some of the cobwebs with "Global Offensive" by improving the original's graphics, adding a few weapons, additional maps and game modes like Arsenal and Demolition. The core of the game, however, remains the same—a multiplayer battle between terrorists and counter-terrorists. Younger gamers who grew up on "Call of Duty" may be mystified by the appeal of "Counter-Strike: Global Offensive" but those who want to (LAN) party like its 1999 should check it out.

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Overall, 62 percent of Americans reported walking at least once for 10 minutes or more during the previous week in 2010. That's up from 56 percent in 2005.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the CDC, said walking for as few as 10 minutes a week is a great first step toward meeting the recommended amount of 150 minutes per week of physical activity.

Frieden listed a slew of health benefits from walking and other forms of aerobic exercise, including lowering the risk of heart attack, stroke and diabetes and promoting a better night's sleep.

Still, more steps are needed. A third of Americans still don't get any physical activity, according to recent National Health Interview Surveys. Here are some tips to get you moving.

» **Take your child for a brisk walk.** It's an excellent way to get some one-on-one time.

» **Mall walk.** Window shop, people watch and give your heart a workout in a climate-controlled environment.

» **Walk and talk.** Even if you're glued to your phone for work calls, you don't have to be glued to your seat. Make it a habit to talk and walk.

» **Park and walk.** How many times have you circled the parking lot to find "the" spot? Spare yourself the stress and gain more energy by parking far away and walking farther to your destination.

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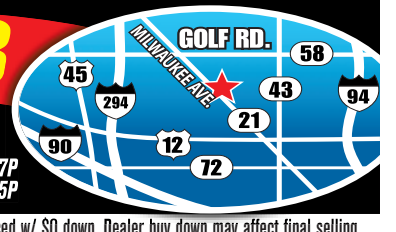

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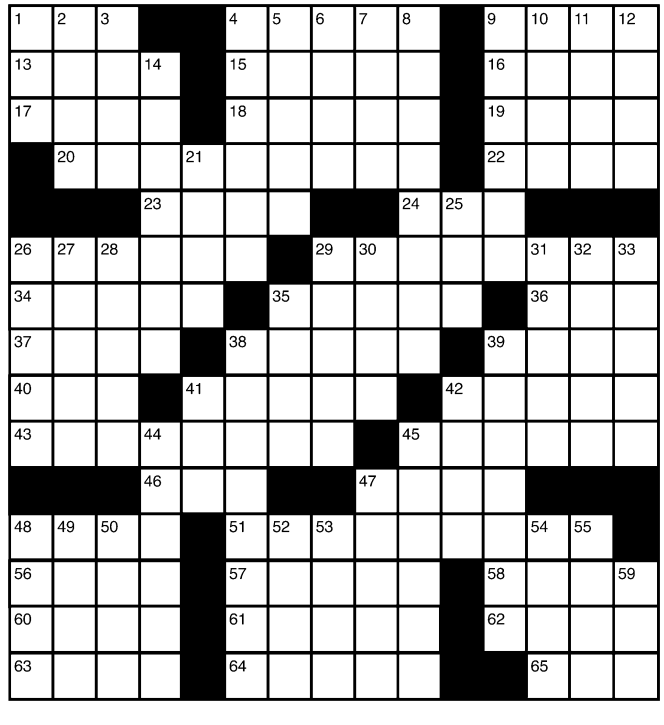

ACROSS
1 Misery; anguish
4 Trudges along
9 Mimics
13 Shacks
15 Songbird
16 Applaud
17 Killer whale
18 Fragrance
19 Sheltered inlet
20 Most clever
22 Observed
23 Fires, slangily
24 Major network
26 Annoy persistently
29 Discusses again
34 Way too heavy
35 Lost color
36 Flightless Aussie bird
37 Serene
38 Walked the floor
39 Clumsy fellow
40 Neighbor of Canada
41 Mork or E.T.
42 Longfellow and Wordsworth
43 Unscrupulous lawyers
45 Friend of Fred Flintstone
46 Meadowland
47 Small lake
48 Author Ferber
51 Monarch
56 Reserve, as a hotel room
57 In the lead
58 Dismounted
60 Depressed
61 Brother's daughter
62 Geneva or Erie
63 Word to click on after typing an email
64 Tipsy one
65 Hideaway

DOWN
1 Which person?
2 Opposite of theirs
3 Engrave
4 Large shrimps
5 Members of Great Britain's Upper House
6 Woodwind
7 Gets darker
8 Grabbed
9 Has __ to; is able to obtain
10 Stratagem
11 Place for a wasp's nest
12 Drove too fast
14 Smart-alecky way of replying
21 Relaxation
25 Defective
26 __-pocus
27 Embarrass
28 Pass on, as information
29 Marathons
30 Biblical garden
31 Keller or Hayes
32 Overact
33 Full of lather
35 Impartial
38 Nice to be with
39 Friendly
41 Feasted
42 Rectangular piece of glass
44 Quenched
45 Edge
47 Tranquillity
48 Diminishes
49 Banana sticker word
50 Person, place or thing
52 Akron's state
53 Biden, for short
54 Pleased
55 Athletic shoe brand
59 Number in a decade

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1966: The Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

2005: Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La.; the resulting floods devastated the city of New Orleans. Nearly 1,000 people died in Louisiana alone.

2008: Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin became only the second female vice-presidential nominee on a major party ticket when she was chosen as GOP Sen. John McCain's running mate.

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WAIT ... WHO'S ON THAT MAGAZINE COVER?!

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Sometimes on the way to buy a pack of gum at the drugstore in order to get cash back or while digging through housewife mags at the gym, I stumble upon some confusing covers. Not just Us and Star—though I can't help but wonder whether Rob is still drunk-texting Kristen. No, these mags are a little more of a mystery—I know the celeb from somewhere, but something's a bit off. Here's a recent sampling of initial reactions to some of the hottest issues.

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Interview
September: Emma Stone

1 Who I thought it was: Angelina Jolie with a dye job; my mom when I told her what I did to the car in high school

Once I realized it was her: Emma must be getting us all ready for some sort of future in cyborg film. Nobody ever said she wasn't versatile, but if she and Gaga start talking about weird facial prosthetics, we're through.

Glamour
August: Mila Kunis

2 Who I thought it was: Jessica Biel; some newly famous cowgirl

Once I realized it was her: There are some people in the world who need their eyebrows exposed to be recognizable. This cover taught us that Mila is one of them. Also, she had better not be plowing Ashton Kutcher, because ew.

Nylon
September: Lea Michele

3 Who I thought it was: A Halloween walk of shame

Once I realized it was her: This is how Lea reminds us that, on this season of "Glee," she's going to COLLEGE. And that means only two things —hangovers and ill-advised dorm crushes. But never cat ears.

Vogue
September: Lady Gaga

4 Who I thought it was: A truffula tree

Once I realized it was her: OK, yeah, there really is no other human this could have been. Carry on.

Cosmo
September: Lucy Hale

5 Who I thought it was: A Nebraska milkmaid fresh off the bus in NEW YORK CITAY

Once I realized it was her: Miss, 17-year-olds read Cosmo, and 12-year-olds read Seventeen. I know you are 23, but when you LOOK like you're 15, maybe a button or three would not be out of the question. Now I'm going to read about the scents no guy can resist. I bet one of them is kale.

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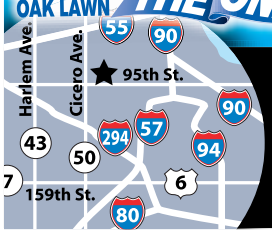

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THE DIGIT

2 That's how many episodes of "Two and a Half Men" Miley Cyrus will appear on as Jake's love interest, **deadline.com** reports.

"I love nursing my little man!"

—That tweet is brought to you by new mom **Snooki**. You weren't totally over her, were you?

Just dance

Hold on to your sweatbands: "Fame" is gonna live forever—or at least a little longer—thanks to a Nigel Lythgoe-led re-imagining of the 1980s film and TV series about kids striving to succeed in the cutthroat world of song and dance. MGM Television announced Tuesday that Lythgoe, executive producer of "American Idol" and "So You Think You Can Dance," will take the lead on updating "Fame" as a new, scripted series.

HOT DATES

SEPT. 20, 2013, AND OCT. 11, 2013

Those are the dates for the 3-D theatrical re-release of "Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones" and "Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith," respectively, Lucasfilm and 20th Century Fox announced Monday.

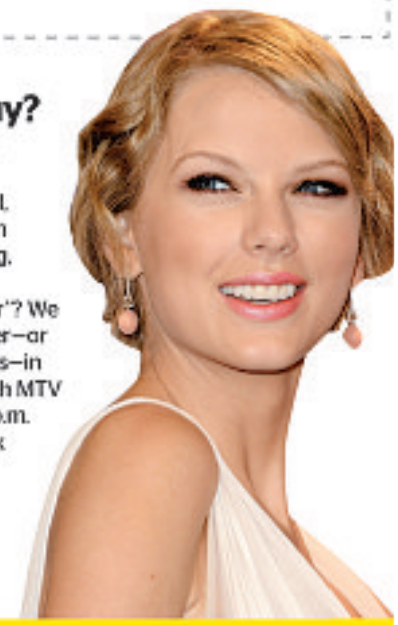
Shia LaBeouf
GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

WHAT A TRIP

Leave it to Shia LaBeouf to take his craft one step too far. In a conversation with USA Today about his upcoming movie "The Necessary Death of Charlie Countryman," LaBeouf says he dropped acid for a scene in which his character does the drug. "There's a way to do an acid trip like 'Harold & Kumar,' and there's a way to be on acid," he said.

Who's the guy?

Is Taylor Swift singing about past beaus Joe Jonas, Jake Gyllenhaal, Taylor Lautner or John Mayer in her new song, "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"? We might learn the answer—or at least get some clues—in the song's video, which MTV will premiere at 6:49 p.m. Thursday, the network said Tuesday. CMT also will air the video Thursday.



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